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Please join the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights for a talk on:

American Responses to the Rise of Nazism and the Refugee Crisis in the 1930s and 1940s

Dr. Rebecca Erbelding United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

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1331 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Suite 1150, Washington, DC 20425 Entrance via F St NW (between 13th & 14th St NW)

How did racism, anti-Semitism and xenophobia help shape America's response to Nazism and the Holocaust and the Refugee Crisis? The motives, pressures, and fears that shaped American attitudes and actions then offer an important lens for reflecting on how to overcome obstacles and barriers to humanitarian action today.

Dr. Rebecca Erbelding has been an archivist, curator, and historian at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum for 15 years. She holds a PhD in American history from George Mason University. Her first book, *Rescue Board: The Untold Story of America's Efforts to Save the Jews of Europe*, was published by Doubleday in April 2018 and just won the 2018 National Jewish Book Award JDC-Herbert Katski Award for outstanding writing based on archival material.

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The presentation will occur immediately before our monthly Commissioners' <u>business</u> <u>meeting</u>.

We look forward to your joining us on March 22!